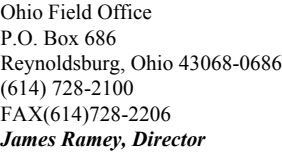


FEED PRICE RATIOS				
Hog-corn ratio 4/	22.5	23.5	20.9	22.9

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OHIO'S EXPECTED CORN AND SOYBEAN YIELDS DOWN FROM THE RECORD YIELDS OF 2004

All other hay yields are forecast at 2.4 tons per acre. This is identical to the 2004 average yield. If realized, this yield would result in a total production of nearly 1.73 million tons, also identical to the previous year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 720,000 acres.

U.S. **corn** production is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, down 12 percent from last year but 3 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 139.2 bushels per acre, down 21.2 bushels from the record high last year. With the exception of Michigan, forecast yields are lower in all of the Corn Belt States as warm, dry weather throughout the growing season depleted soil moisture levels and stressed the crop. U.S. **soybean** production is forecast at 2.79 billion bushels, down 11 percent from 2004 but up 14 percent from 2003. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 38.7 bushels per acre, down 3.8 bushels from the record high U.S. yield set last year. **All wheat** production, at the U.S. level is estimated at 2.17 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the July forecast but up slightly from 2004. Based on August 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.0 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from last month and 0.2 bushel below last year. The final U.S. **winter wheat** production forecast is 1.52 billion bushels. This is down slightly from last month but 1 percent above 2004. Area harvested for grain totals 34.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 1 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is forecast at 44.4 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month.

CROP	Harvested Acres		UNIT	Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2004	2005		2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	Thousands					Thousands		
			OHIO					
Corn for grain	3,110	3,220	bu.	158.0	135.0	478,920	491,380	434,700
Soybeans for beans	4,420	4,430	bu.	47.0	42.0	164,780	207,740	186,060
Winter wheat	890	830	bu.	62.0	70.0	68,000	55,180	58,100
Oats	50	60	bu.	63.0	61.0	3,960	3,150	3,660
Alfalfa Hay	470	520	ton	3.20	3.50	1,972	1,540	1,820
All Other Hay	720	720	ton	2.40	2.40	2,002	1,728	1,728
Tobacco, all	5.6	3.0	lb.	1,960	1,980	8,745	10,976	5,940
Apples	-	-	lb.	-	-	90,000	90,000	88,000
Peaches	-	-	ton	-	-	5.7	5.1	2.0
Grapes	-	-	ton	-	-	8.1	4.8	7.4
			U. S.					
Corn for grain	73,632	74,368	bu.	160.4	139.2	10,089,222	11,807,217	10,349,841
Soybeans for beans	73,958	72,184	bu.	42.5	38.7	2,453,665	3,140,996	2,791,133
Winter wheat	34,462	34,271	bu.	43.5	44.4	1,716,721	1,499,434	1,520,848
Oats	1,792	1,976	bu.	64.7	64.7	144,383	115,935	127,819
Alfalfa Hay	21,707	22,118	ton	3.47	3.34	76,273	75,383	73,849
All Other Hay	40,209	39,605	ton	2.05	1.92	81,312	82,391	76,068
Tobacco, all	408.0	316.9	lb.	2,155	2,137	802,560	879,227	677,088
Apples	-	-	lb.	-	-	8,793,100	10,419,900	9,837,100
Peaches	-	-	ton	-	-	1,259.5	1,307.1	1,233.9
Grapes	-	-	ton	-	-	6,643.5	6,231.7	6,800.9

Crop	Corn		Wheat		Soybeans	
	2004/05	2005/04	2004/05	2005/06	2004/05	2005/06
Million Bushels						
Beginning Stocks	958	2,110	546	540	112	300
Production	11,807	10,350	2,158	2,167	3,141	2,791
Imports	10	10	71	70	5	3
Total Supply	12,775	12,470	2,775	2,777	3,258	3,094
Domestic Use	8,840	8,620	1,173	1,168	1,858	1,819
Exports	1,825	1,950	1,063	975	1,100	1,095
Total Use	10,665	10,570	2,235	2,143	2,958	2,914
Ending Stocks, Total	2,110	1,900	540	634	300	180
CCC Inventory	1	-	54	-	-	-
Free Stocks	2,109	-	486	-	-	-
Average Price (\$bu.)	2.07	1.80-2.20	3.40	2.85-3.35	5.80	5.50-6.50

¹From World Agriculture Supply and Demand.

OHIO'S AUGUST 1, 2005 EXPECTED YIELDS AND RECORD YIELDS					
Crop	Expected Yield		Record Yield		Year
Corn	135.0	bu.	158.0	bu.	2004
Soybeans	42.0	bu.	47.0	bu.	2004
Wheat	70.0	bu.	72.0	bu.	2000
Oats	61.0	bu.	85.0	bu.	1985
Tobacco Burley	1,980	lbs.	2,680	lbs.	1970
Apples ¹	88,000	lbs.	331,200	lbs.	1937
Grapes ¹	7.4	tons	34.4	tons	1935

¹Total production, units are in thousand.

OHIO APPLE PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN 2 PERCENT
U.S. APPLE FORECAST DOWN 6 PERCENT

Ohio’s apple production is estimated at 88 million pounds, a decrease of 2 million pounds from 2004 and 2003. Part of Ohio’s apple crop was damaged by a late frost in May and freezing rain in December 2004 damaged fruit producing branches; however most producers report good crop conditions. The U.S. production forecast for the 2005 crop year is 9.84 billion pounds, down 6 percent from last year’s production of 10.4 billion pounds, but up 1.04 billion pounds from 2003.

Washington, the largest apple producer, supplies 57 percent of the U.S. production. The 2005 forecast is 5.60 billion pounds. Washington is down 7 percent from last year, but 23 percent above 2003. The second largest apple producing state is New York, which contributes 12 percent of U.S. production. The 2005 New York forecast is 1.15 billion pounds, down 10 percent from 2004, but up 7 percent from 2003.

Apples, Commercial: Total Production Ohio, Selected States, and United States, 2003-04 and Forecasted August 1, 2005			
State	Total Production 1/		
	2003	2004	2005
Million Pounds			
CA	450.0	390.0	410.0
IN	51.0	60.0	55.0
MI	890.0	760.0	820.0
NY	1,070.0	1280.0	1,150.0
OH	90.0	90.0	88.0
PA	442.0	405.0	430.0
VA	270.0	300.0	320.0
WA	4,550.0	6050.0	5,600.0
WV	87.0	81.0	88.0
WI	68.0	57.0	59.0
US	8,793.1	10,419.9	9,837.1

1/ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees.

OHIO GRAPE PRODUCTION FORECAST UP 54 PERCENT
U.S. GRAPE FORECAST UP 9 PERCENT

Ohio’s grape production is estimated at 7,400 tons, up 54 percent from 2004. Frost damage was reported by several Ohio grape producers, however many producers are expecting good yields in 2005 brought on from a hot and dry summer growing season. U.S. grape production is forecast at 6.80 million tons, up 9.1 percent from 2004 and 2.4 percent above 2003. California leads the U.S. in grape production with 89 percent of the U.S. total.

Washington and New York are the next largest producing states at 5.5 and 2.4 percent, respectively. The California grape forecast of 6.04 million tons is up 8 percent from 2003. The Washington grape forecast is 375 thousand tons, up 108 thousand tons from last year. The New York forecast is 160 thousand tons, up 18 thousand tons from 2004.

Grapes: Total Production Ohio, Selected States, and United States, 2003-04 and Forecasted August 1, 2005			
State	Total Production 1/		
	2003	2004	2005
Tons			
CA	5,861,000	5,615,000	6,040,000
MI	94,500	62,500	87,000
NY	198,000	142,000	160,000
OH	8,100	4,800	7,400
PA	85,000	86,800	80,000
WA	344,000	267,000	375,000
US	6,643,530	6,231,700	6,800,900

1/ Fresh basis

OHIO GRAIN AND SOYBEAN PRICES CONTINUE TO RISE IN JULY

The July winter wheat price of \$3.27 is up 17 cents from June but two cents below the price received at the same time last year. Corn at \$2.32 is up 21 cents from June, but 22 cents below the \$2.54 per bushel price received in July 2004. The July soybean price of \$7.00 is up 24 cents from June, but \$1.51 less than was received at the same time last year. The alfalfa hay price in July of \$130.00 per ton is down \$30.00 per ton from June but \$18.00 per ton higher than was received in July 2004. Other hay at \$75.00 per ton is up \$25.00 per ton from June and \$20.00 above the price received last year at this time.

Ohio’s July hog price of \$48.60 per cwt., is down \$1.00 per cwt. from June and down \$8.60 from the previous July price of \$57.20. The July sow price of \$38.00 per cwt. is down \$3.60 per cwt. from June, and \$11.40 per cwt. lower than at the same time last year. The July barrow and gilt price of \$49.00 per cwt. is down 90 cents from the previous month, and \$8.70 lower than was received in July 2004. Beef cattle prices in Ohio averaged \$80.00 per cwt. in July, down \$3.70 per cwt. from June and 20 cents per cwt. lower than the previous July. The steer and heifer price of \$83.00 per cwt. declined \$4.10 from June and is 50 cents lower than in July of 2004. The July cow price of \$53.00 per cwt. is down 30 cents from June, but is \$2.80 higher than at the same time last year. Calves, at \$116.00 per cwt. are down

\$10.00 from the previous month, but \$9.00 per cwt. higher than they were a year ago.

The July milk price of \$15.40 per cwt. is up 20 cents per cwt. from June but \$1.60 lower than the July 2004 price of \$17.00 per cwt. The July egg price of 35.3 cents per dozen is up 10 cents from June, but 2.9 cents less than the July 2004 price of 38.2 cents.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 119, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from June. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.5 percent) while the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, cattle, asparagus, eggs, and milk. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of grapes, wheat, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes, and asparagus. Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 5 points (4.0 percent) from July 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month and declined 6 points (4.7 percent) from July 2004.

INDEX SUMMARY				
Index 1990-92=100	2004		2005	
	June	July	June	July
Prices Received	128	124	120	119
Prices Paid	135	135	140	140
Ratio 1/	95	92	86	85

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.